

# **WEATS 2006**

## **FUNDAMENTALS, INTRODUCTION TO WIND ENERGY**

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# TOPICS

Energy and Power

Wind Characteristics

Wind Power Potential

Operation of Wind Turbines

Power Curves

Estimation of Annual Energy Production

Economics

# ENERGY AND POWER

ENERGY, ABILITY TO DO WORK

$\text{ENERGY} = \text{FORCE} * \text{DISTANCE}$

Electrical Energy , kWh

$\text{POWER} = \text{ENERGY} / \text{TIME}$

Generator Size, kW

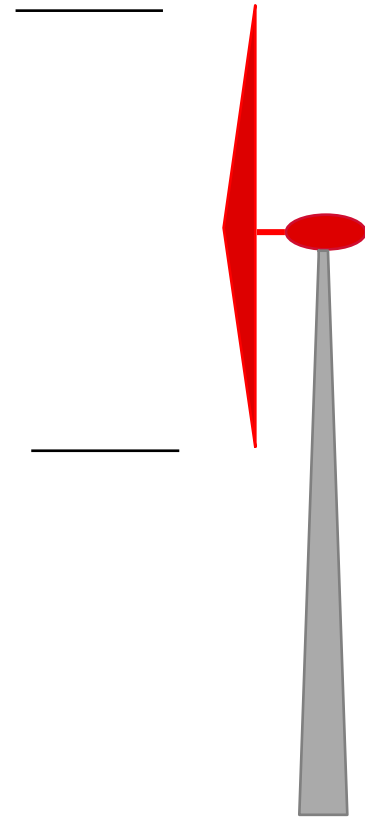
$$P = 0.5 \rho v^3 A$$

**P** power, Watt

**$\rho$**  density of air, kg/m<sup>3</sup>

**v** wind speed, m/s

**A** area, m<sup>2</sup>



# WIND CHARACTERISTICS AND RESOURCE

Wind Speed

Wind Direction

Sample Rate, 1 Hz

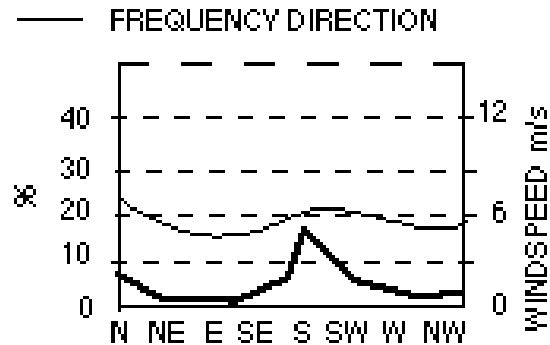
Averaging Time, 1 hr

Histograms (method of bins)

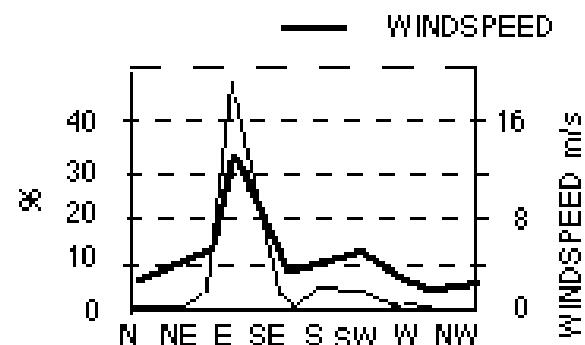
Wind speed change with height

# WIND ROSE

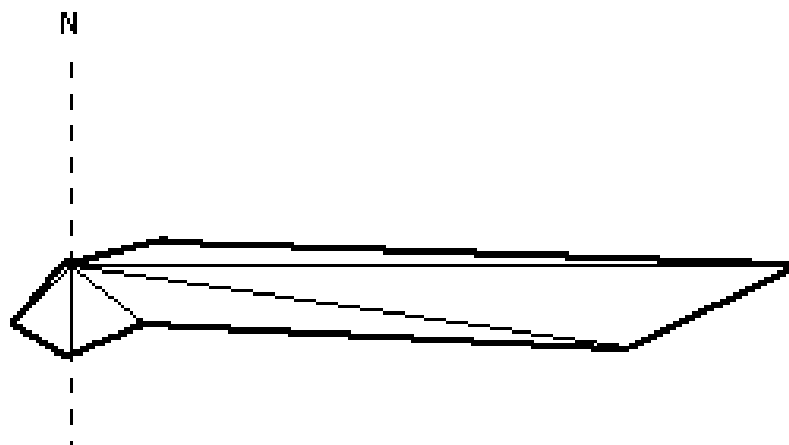
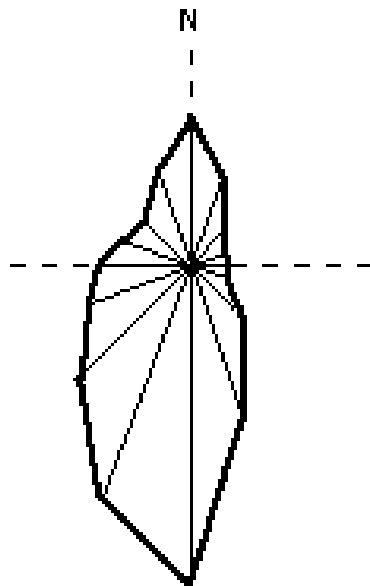
## CONTINENTAL      TRADE WINDS



Amarillo, TX



Kahua Ranch, HI



# FLAGGED TREE, HAWAII



AVERAGE WINDSPEED, 10 m/s

# CALCULATION POWER/AREA WIND SPEED FREQUENCY HISTOGRAM

For time period selected  
month, season, year

$$\text{AVERAGE WIND SPEED} = \sum F_j * V_j$$

$$\text{POWER/AREA} = 0.5 * \rho * \sum F_j * V_j^3$$

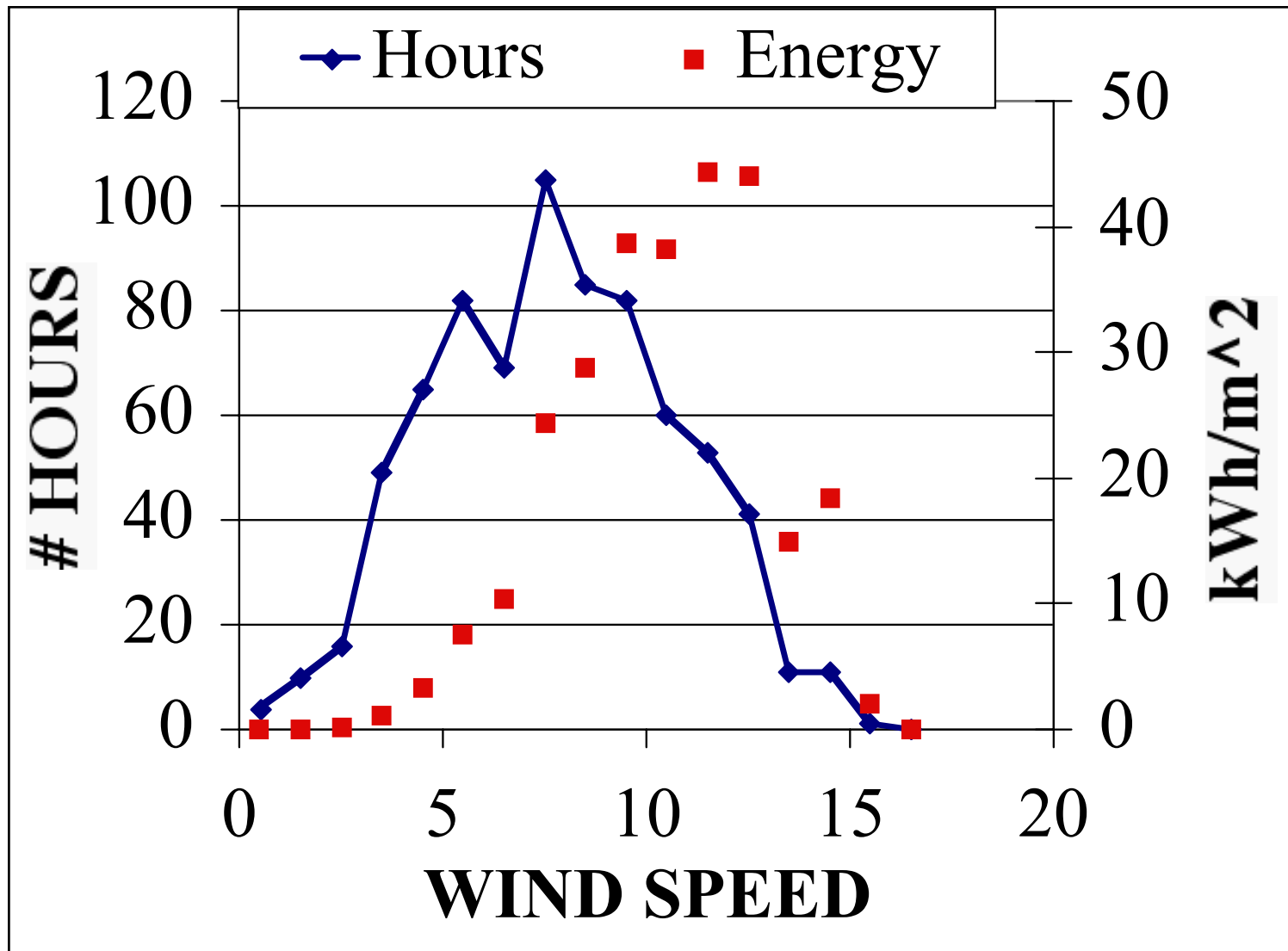


Speed	#	Freq	Fj * Vj	Fj * Vj3
m/s	hr			
0.5	4	0.005	0.00	0.00
1.5	10	0.013	0.02	0.05
2.5	16	0.022	0.05	0.35
3.5	49	0.066	0.23	2.92
4.5	65	0.087	0.39	8.24
5.5	82	0.110	0.61	18.97
6.5	69	0.093	0.60	26.35
7.5	105	0.141	1.06	61.61
8.5	85	0.114	0.97	72.60
9.5	82	0.110	1.05	97.78
10.5	60	0.081	0.85	96.60
11.5	53	0.071	0.82	112.11
12.5	41	0.055	0.69	111.37
13.5	11	0.015	0.20	37.64
14.5	11	0.015	0.21	46.64
15.5	1	0.001	0.02	5.18
16.5	0	0.000	0.00	0.00
<b>SUM</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>698</b>

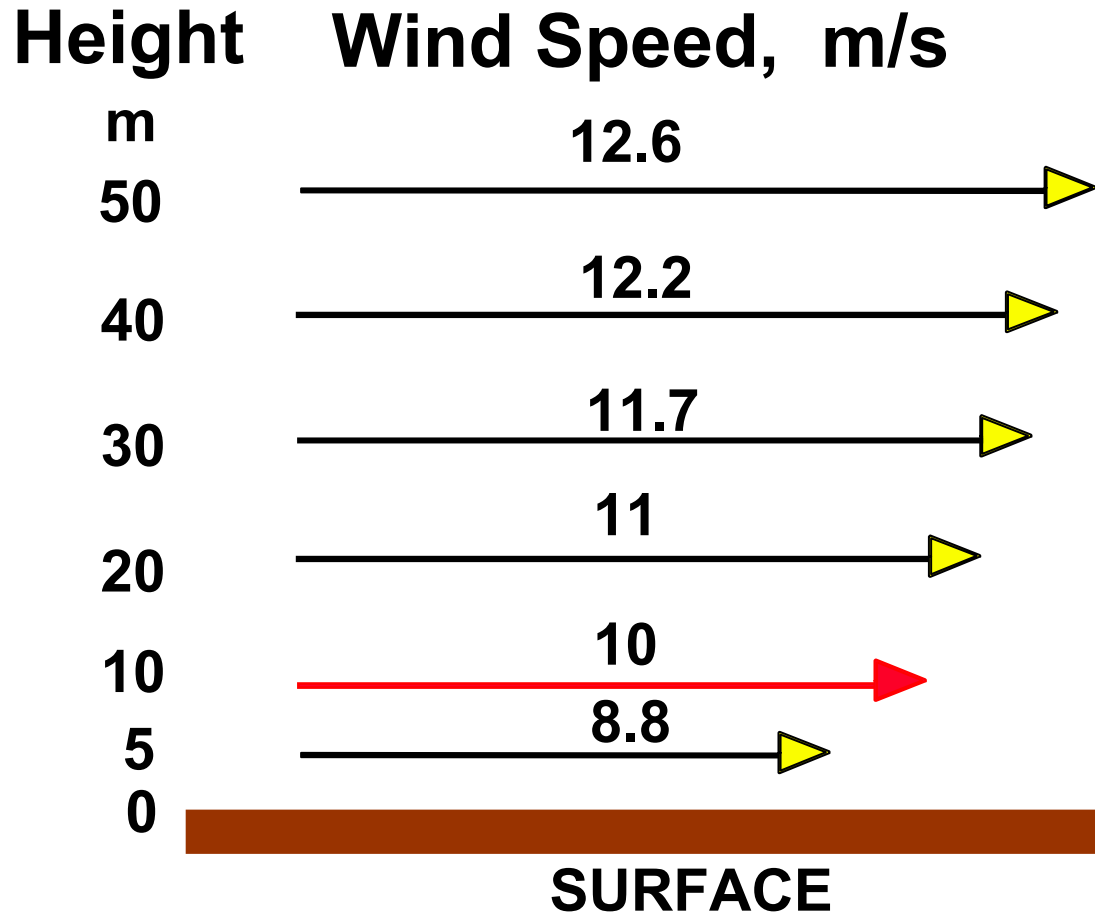
$$P/A = 0.5 * 1.1 * 698 = 384 \text{ W/m}^2$$

Perryton, TX Jan 02, 50 m ht

# WIND SPEED & ENERGY, Perryton, TX



# WIND SHEAR

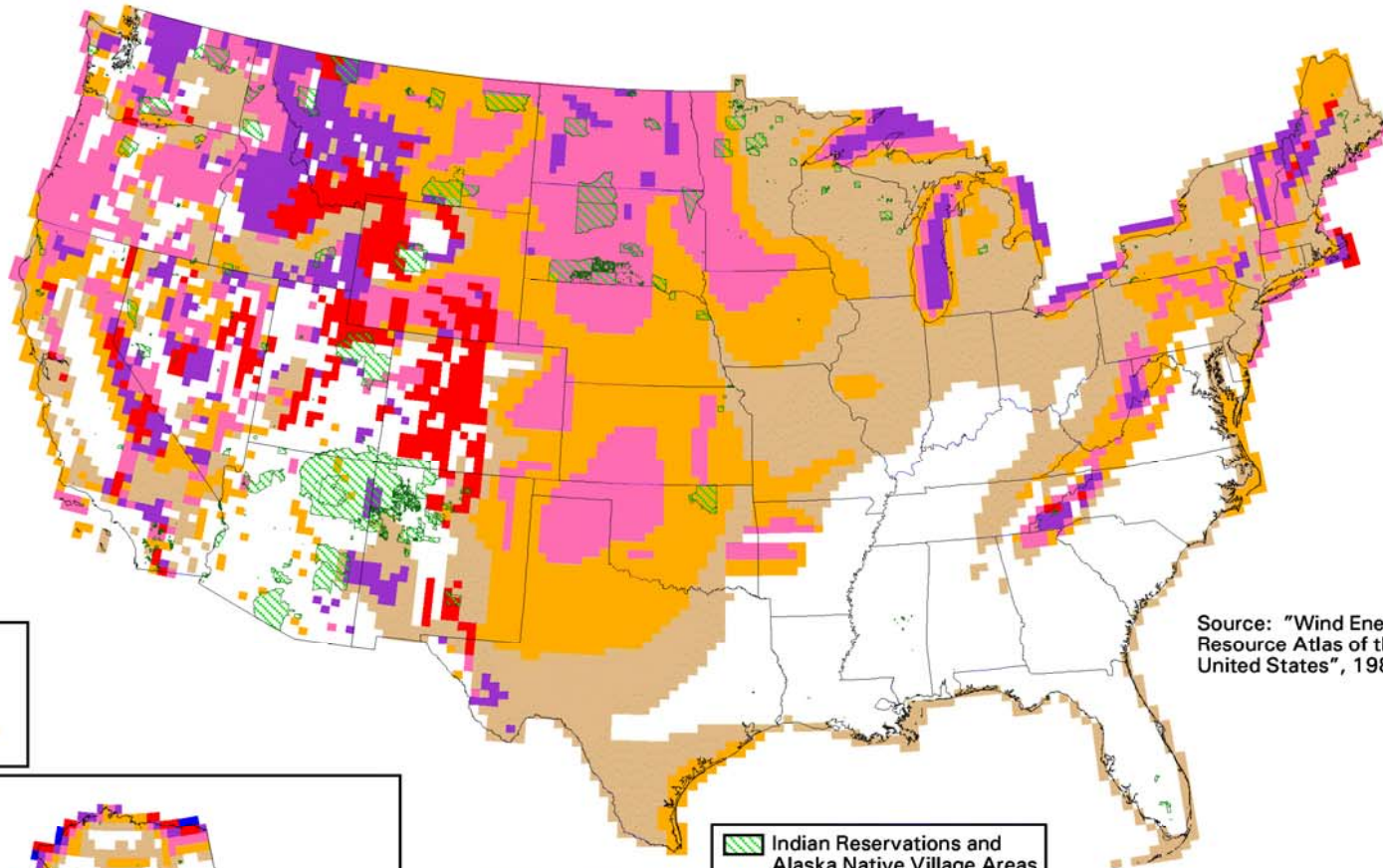


# WIND POWER POTENTIAL

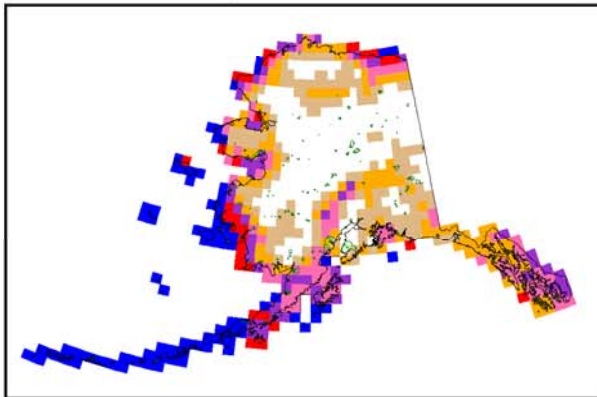
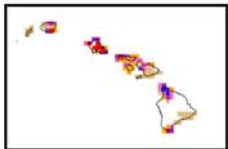
Wind Speed Histograms are used to determine Wind Class

Wind Class	$W/m^2$ at 50 m
3	300 - 399
4	400 - 499
5	500 - 599
6	600 - 800
7	> 800

# United States - Wind Resource Map



Source: "Wind Energy Resource Atlas of the United States", 1987



Indian Reservations and  
Alaska Native Village Areas

## Wind Power Classification

Wind Power Class	Resource Potential	Wind Power Density at 50 m W/m <sup>2</sup>	Wind Speed <sup>a</sup> at 50 m m/s	Wind Speed <sup>a</sup> at 50 m mph
2	Marginal	200 - 300	5.6 - 6.4	12.5 - 14.3
3	Fair	300 - 400	6.4 - 7.0	14.3 - 15.7
4	Good	400 - 500	7.0 - 7.5	15.7 - 16.8
5	Excellent	500 - 600	7.5 - 8.0	16.8 - 17.9
6	Outstanding	600 - 800	8.0 - 8.8	17.9 - 19.7
7	Superb	800 - 1600	8.8 - 11.1	19.7 - 24.8

<sup>a</sup> Wind speeds are based on a Weibull k value of 2.0

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# OPERATION OF WIND TURBINES

DRAG AND LIFT

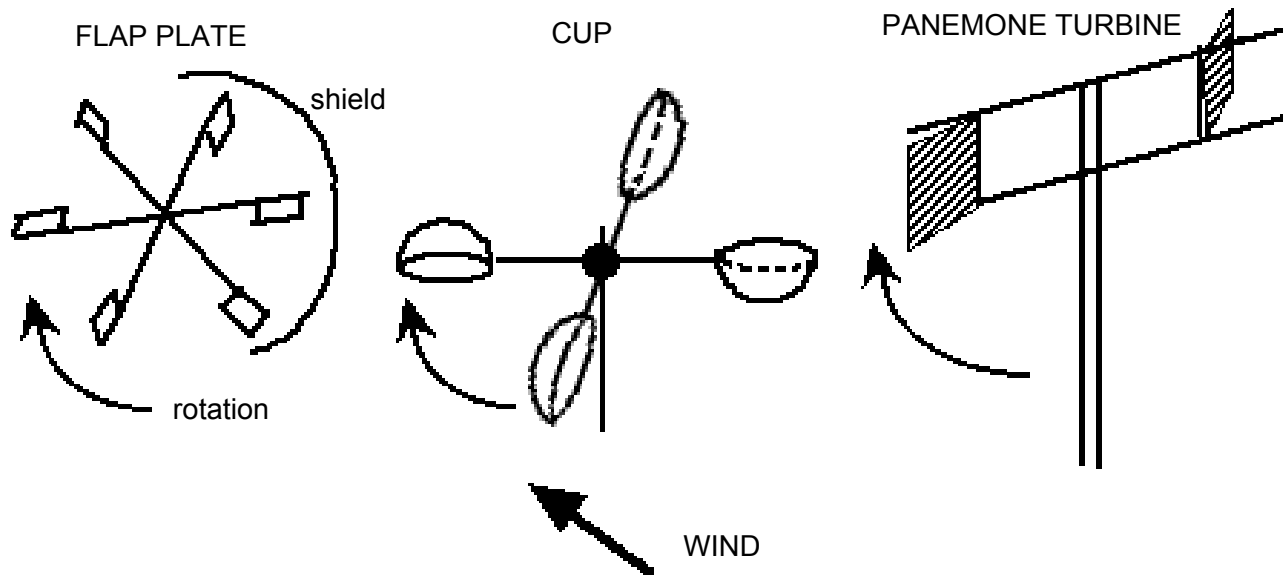
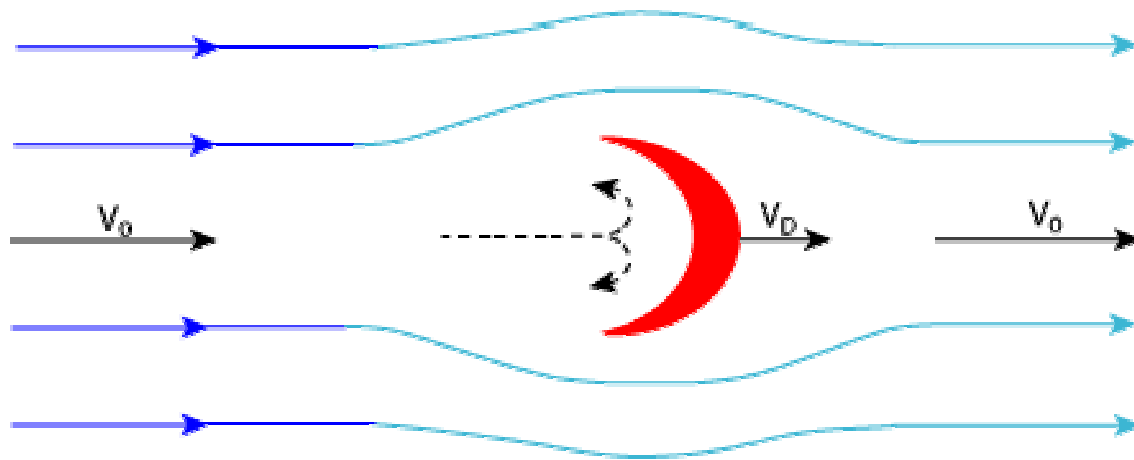
AERODYNAMICS

OPERATION, TORQUE-RPM

OTHER

POWER CURVES

# DRAG





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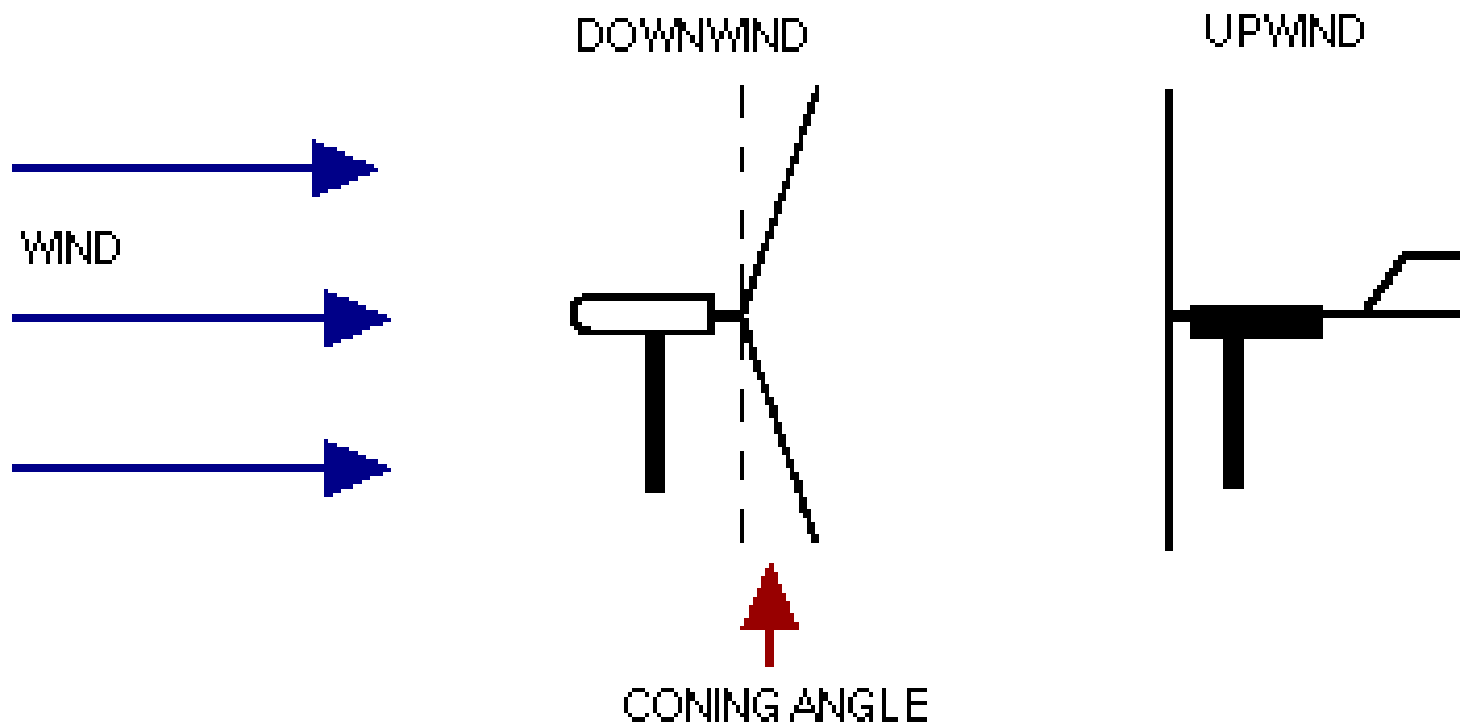


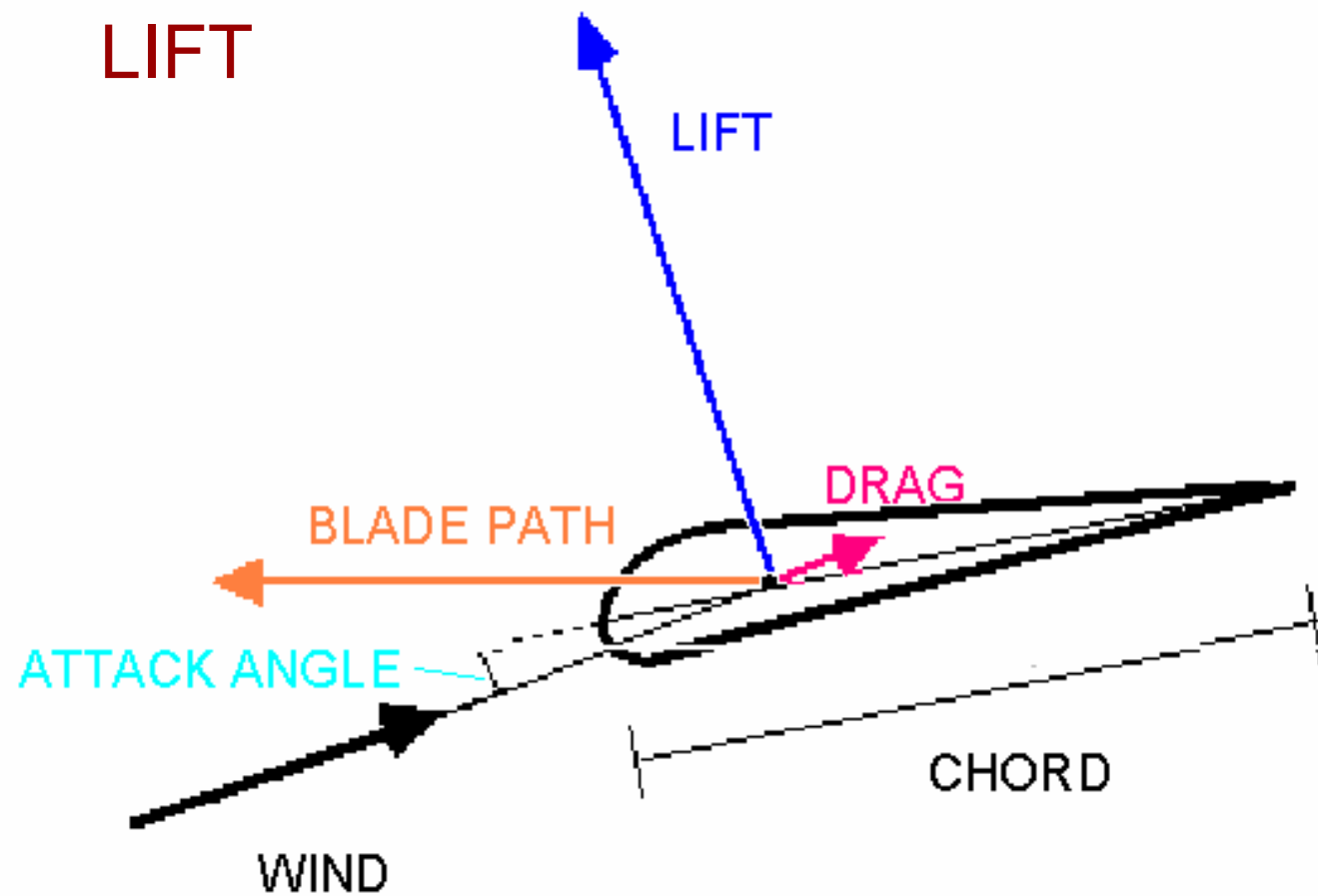
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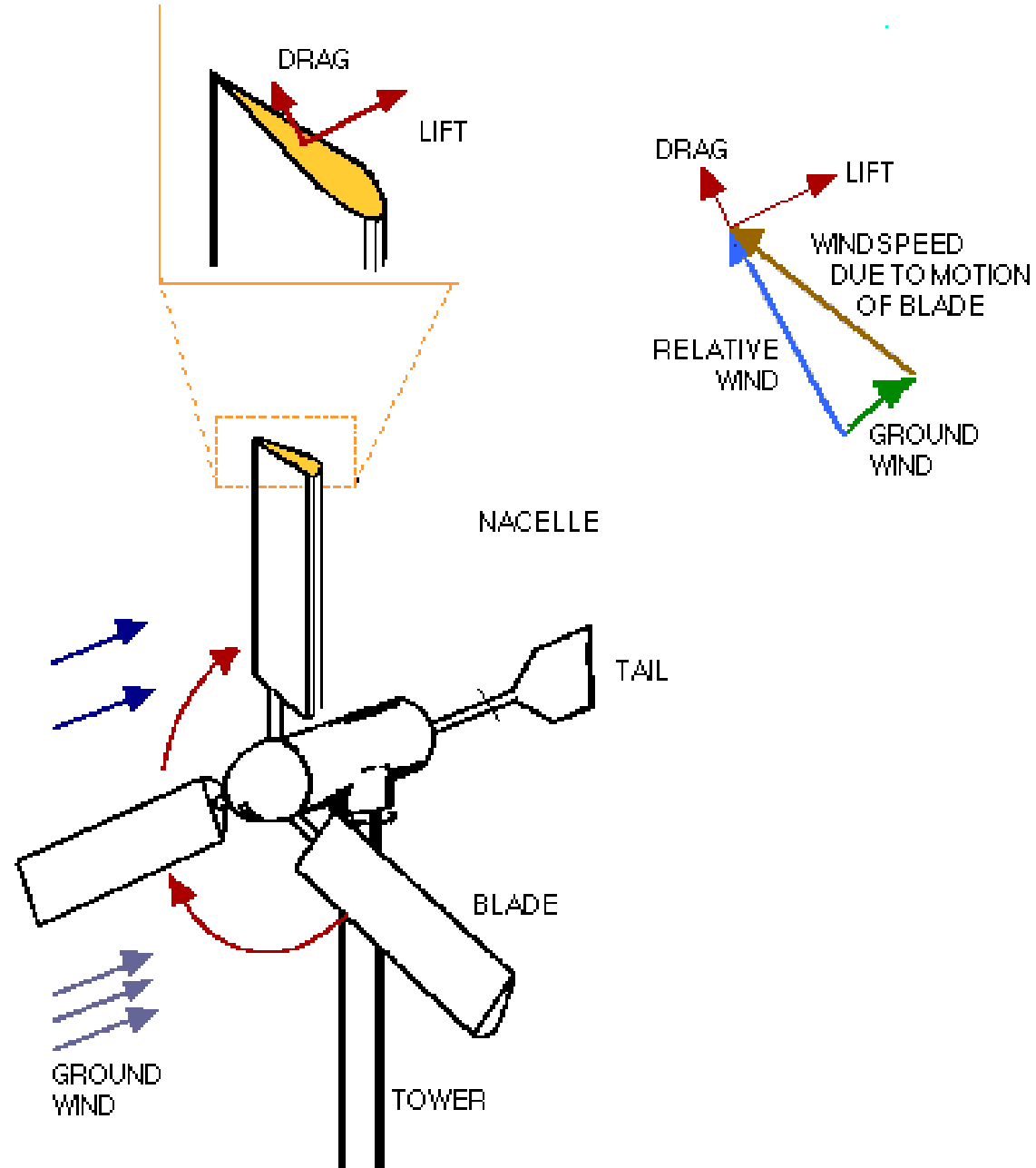
HAWT

VAWT









# EFFICIENCY

ROTOR

GEAR TRAIN

GENERATOR

POWER COEFFICIENT

$C_p$  = POWER OUT/POWER IN THE WIND

MAXIMUM FOR ROTOR = 59%

For WIND SYSTEM, MEASURED

40 TO 50%

$$\text{POWER} = \text{TORQUE} * \text{RPM}$$

VARIABLE RPM (MAX  $C_p$ )

Permanent magnet alternator,

Enercon ring generator

Inverter, variable frequency to constant frequency

CONSTANT RPM (induction generator)

MAX  $C_p$  at only one wind speed

CONSTANT TORQUE (farm windmill)

# CONTROL

FIXED PITCH (STALL)

VARIABLE PITCH

YAW (MOTOR, TAIL)

BRAKE

AERODYNAMIC, MECHANICAL,  
ELECTRICAL

# OTHER

AVAILABILITY

RATED POWER (generator size)

CAPACITY FACTOR (AVERAGE POWER)

$$CF = (AKWH/8760)/RATED\ POWER$$

ANNUAL CFs for LARGE WIND TURBINES

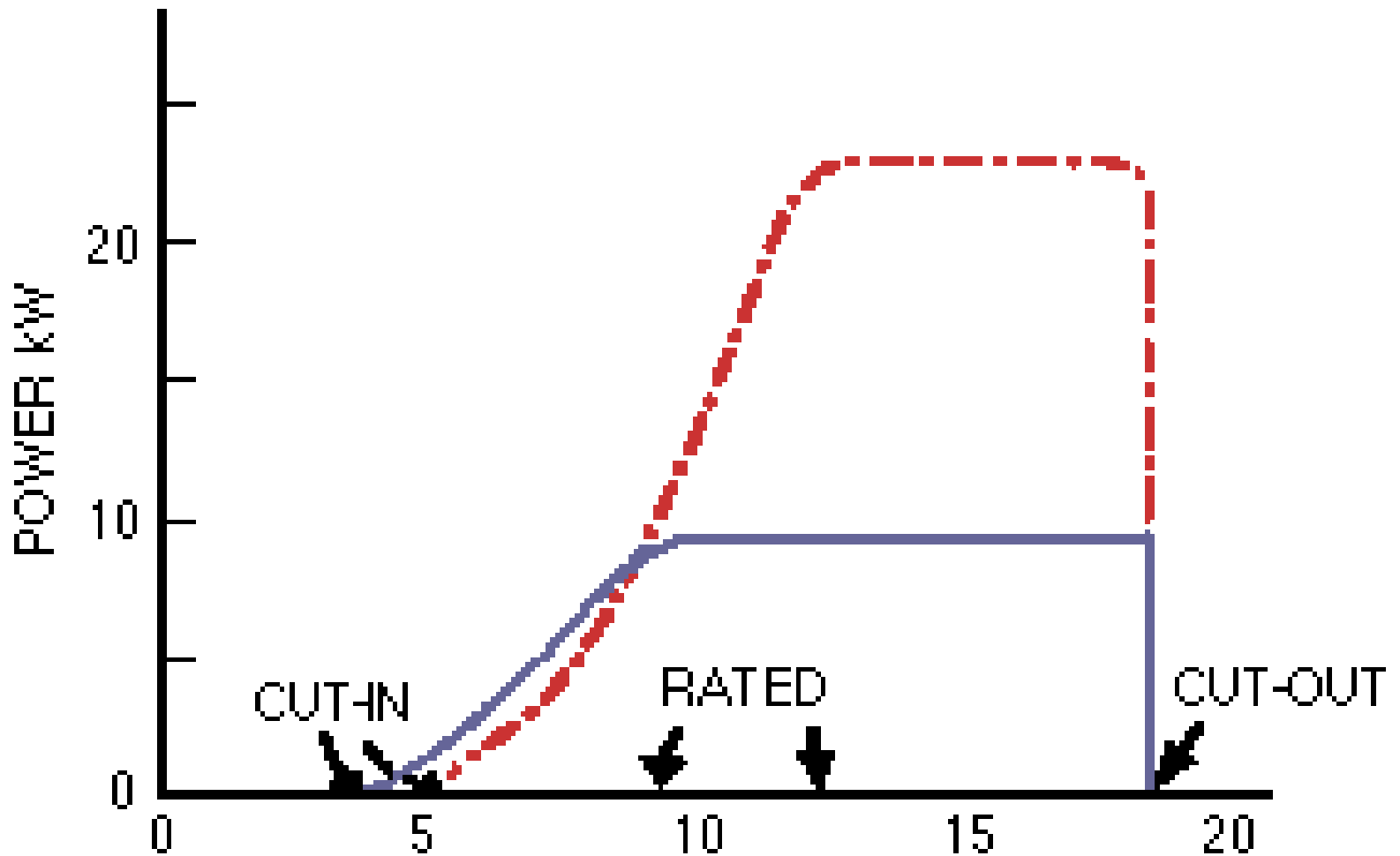
30 to 40%

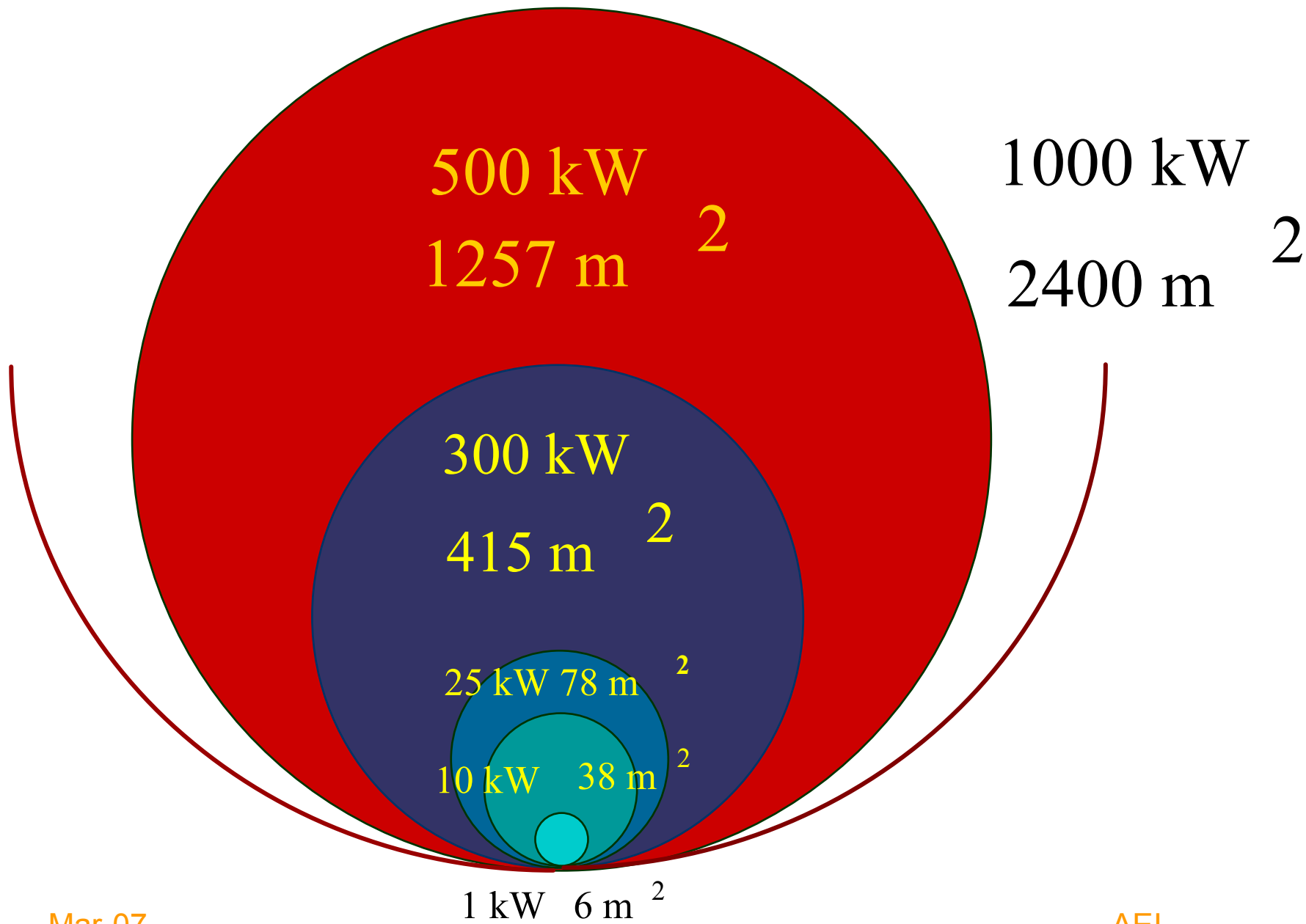
ONE MONTH, 60% Feb 02

Lake Benton, MN, Wind Farm

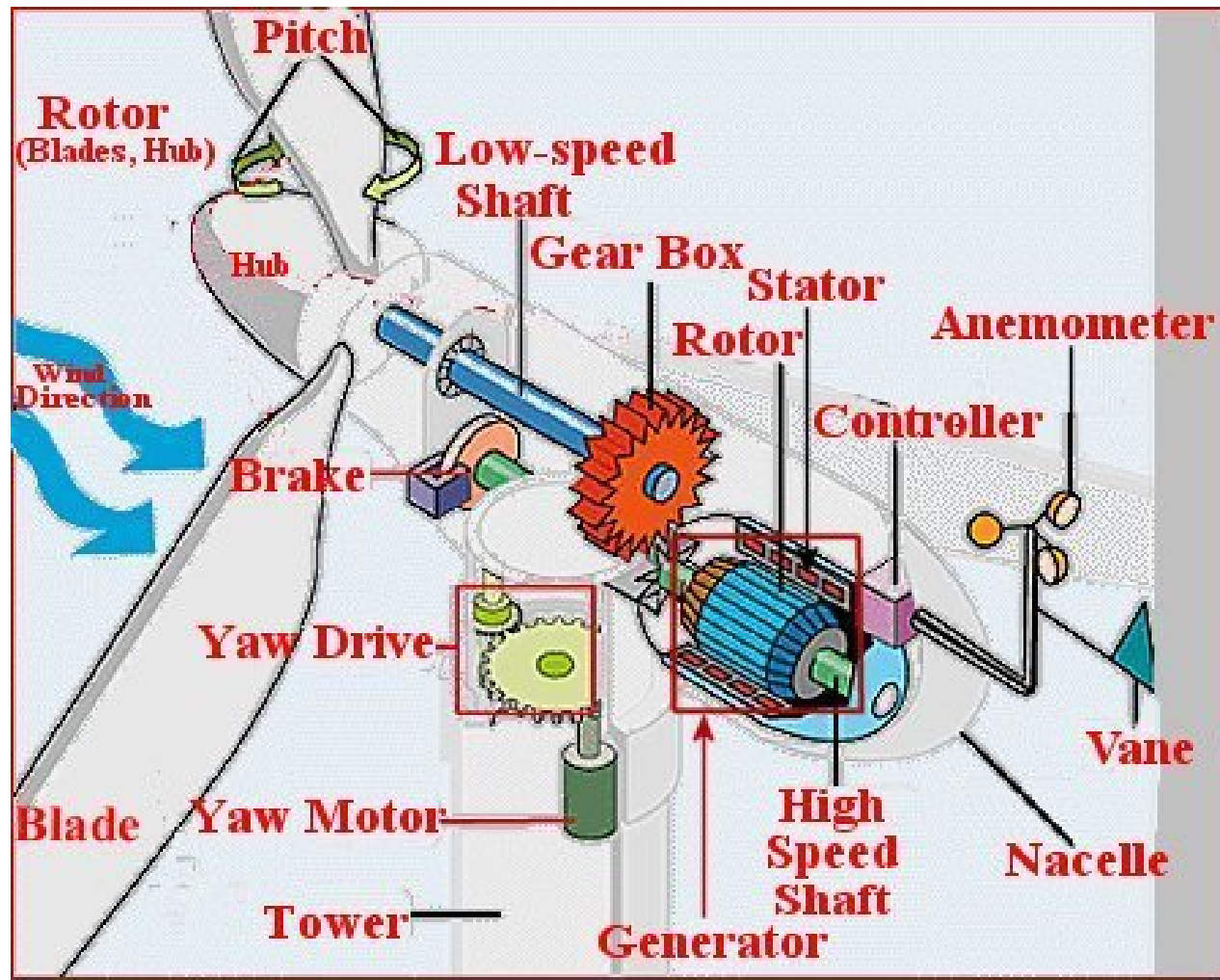


# POWER CURVE

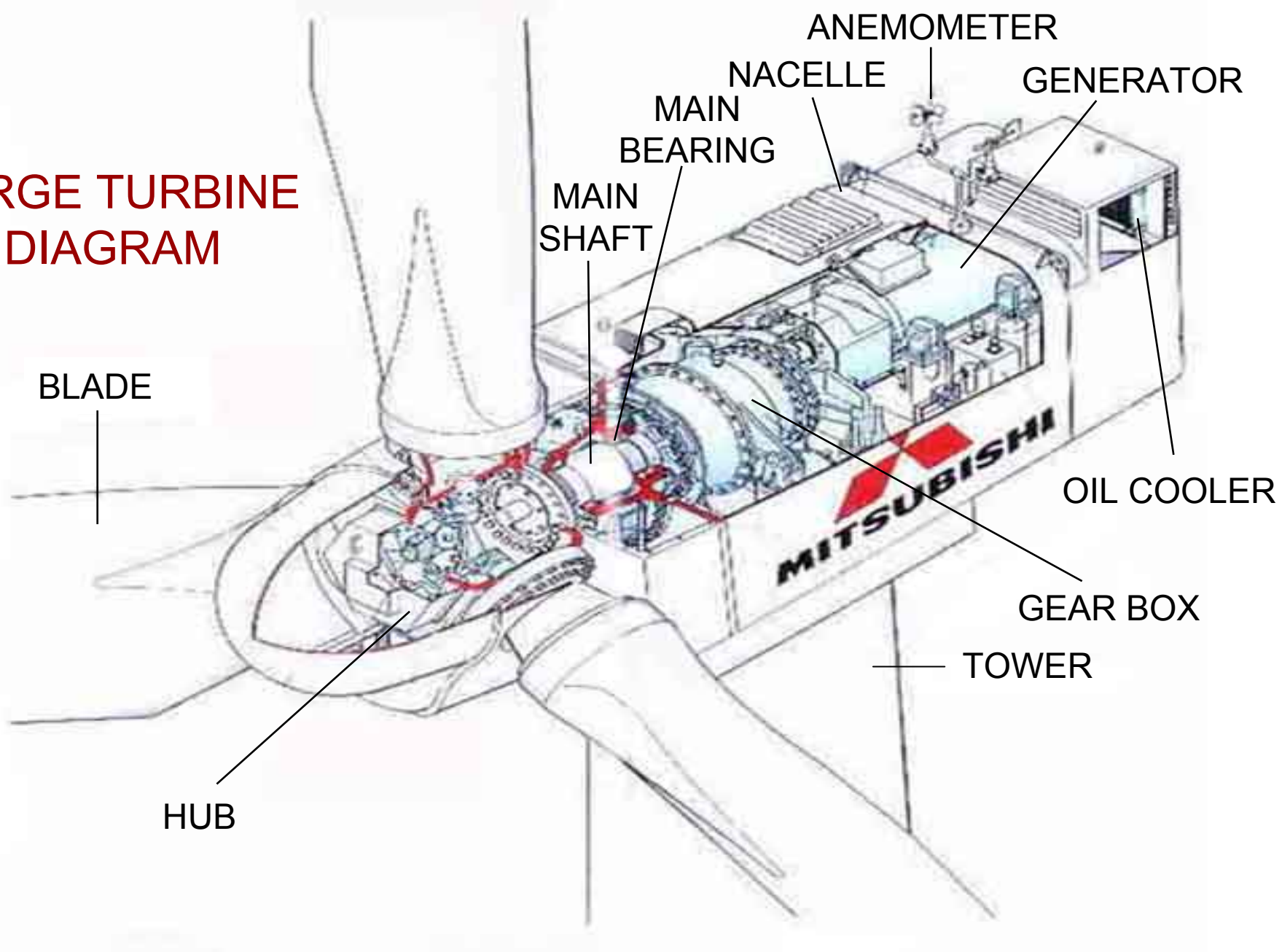




# TURBINE DIAGRAM



# LARGE TURBINE DIAGRAM



# NACELLE 1 MW



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# BLADE 27 m length



ROTOR AREA =  $2460 \text{ m}^2$

# ESTIMATION OF ANNUAL ENERGY PRODUCTION

1. GENERATOR SIZE
2. ROTOR AREA and WIND MAP
3. ENERGY vs AVERAGE WIND SPEED
4. CALCULATED: HISTOGRAM & POWER CURVE

# GENERATOR SIZE

$$AKWH = CF * GS * 8760$$

AKWH	Annual energy production, kWh/yr
CF	Capacity factor (efficiency factor)
GS	Generator Size (rated power), kW
8760	# of hours in a year



# GENERATOR SIZE EXAMPLE

$$AKWH = CF * GS * 8760$$

$$CF \quad 35\% = 0.35$$

$$GS \quad 1 \text{ MW} = 1000 \text{ kW}$$

$$8760 \quad \# \text{ of hours in a year}$$

$$AKWH = 0.35 * 1000 * 8760$$

$$AKWH = 3,060,000 \text{ kWh}$$

# ROTOR AREA + WIND MAP

$$AKWH = CF * Ar * WM * 8.76$$

AKWH Annual energy production, kWh/yr

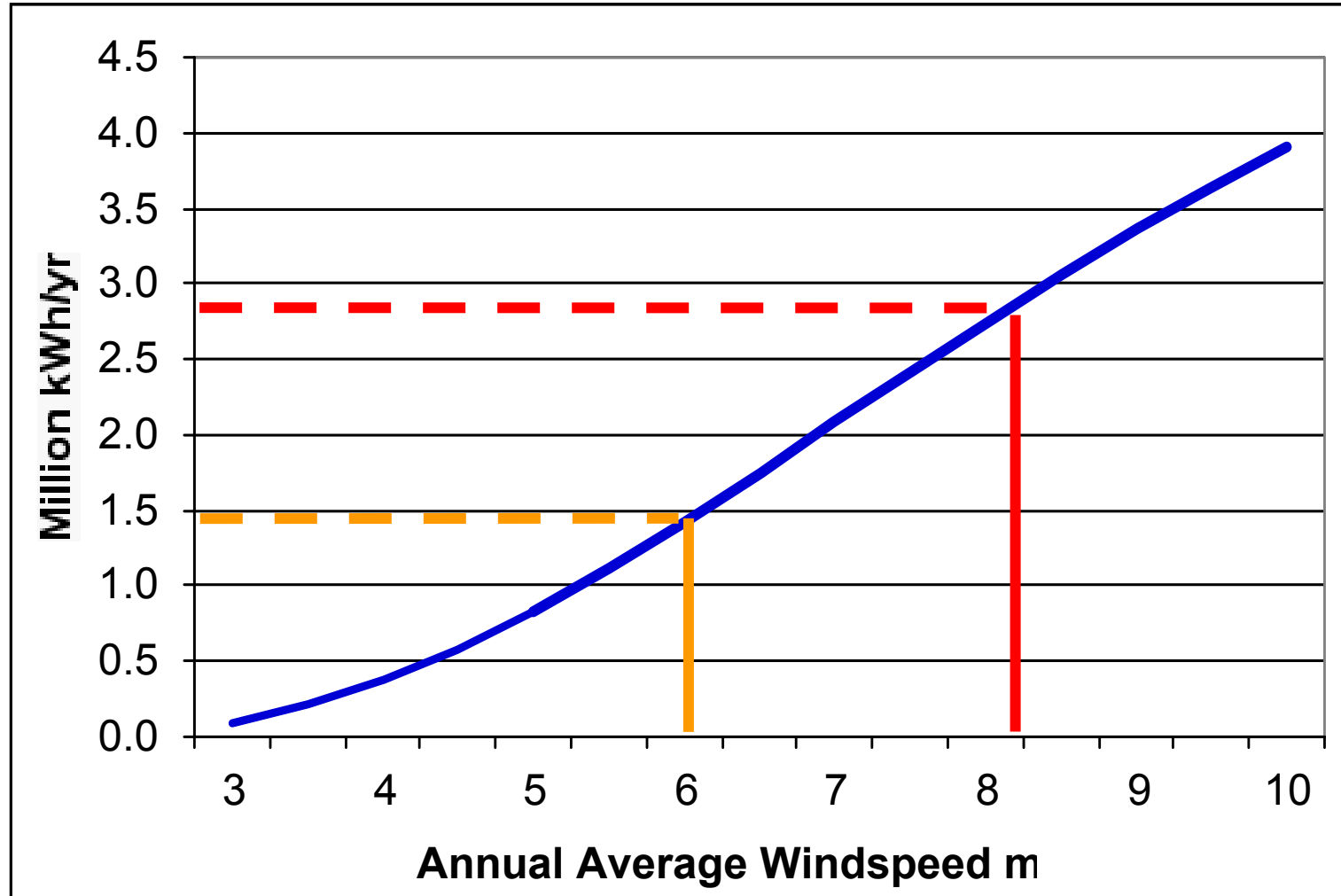
CF Capacity factor (efficiency factor)

Ar Rotor Area, m<sup>2</sup>

WM Wind Map Power, W/m<sup>2</sup>

8.76 1000 hours in a year  
converts W to kW

# ANNUAL ENERGY vs AVERAGE WINDSPEED



# CALCULATED ENERGY PRODUCTION

m/s	kW	hr	kWh
1-3	0	1091	0
4	0	760	171
5	34	868	29,538
6	103	914	94,060
7	193	904	174,281
8	308	847	260,760
9	446	756	337,167
10	595	647	384,658
11	748	531	396,855
12	874	419	366,502
13	976	319	311,379
14	1000	234	233,943
15	1000	166	165,690
16	1000	113	113,369
17	1000	75	74,983
18	1000	48	47,964
19	1000	30	29,684
≥ 20	1000	40	39,540
		8760	3,060,545

Rayleigh, 8.2 m/s at 50 m,  
STD

# LEVELIZED COST OF ENERGY

$$\text{COE} = \frac{(\text{FCR} * \text{ICC}) + \text{LRC} + \text{AOM}}{\text{AEP}}$$

COE = LEVELIZED COST OF ENERGY, \$/kWh

FCR = FIXED CHARGE RATE, per year

LRC = LEVELIZED REPLACEMENT COST, \$/yr  
(major repairs)

ICC = INITIAL CAPITAL COST, \$

AEP = ANNUAL ENERGY PRODUCTION, kWh

AOM = ANNUAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, \$/kWh

# CONSIDERATIONS

Hardware Cost \$670/kW

turbine \$550/kW

tower \$120/kW

Installation Cost \$100/kW

foundation, erection, interconnection

Shipping \$70/kW

Other \$100/kW

**ROUND NUMBER \$1000/kW**

# COE EXAMPLE

## 1 MW TURBINE

$$\text{FCR} = 10\% = 0.10$$

$$\text{ICC} = \$1000/\text{kW} = \$1,000,000$$

$$\text{LRC} = \$5,500$$

$$\text{AOM} = \$0.01/\text{kWh} \quad \text{availability} \quad \text{elevation}$$

$$\text{AEP} = 2,600,000 \quad 98\% \quad 1000 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{COE} = \frac{(0.1 * 1,000,000) + 10,000}{2,700,000} + 0.01$$

$$\text{COE} = \$0.051 / \text{kWh}$$



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